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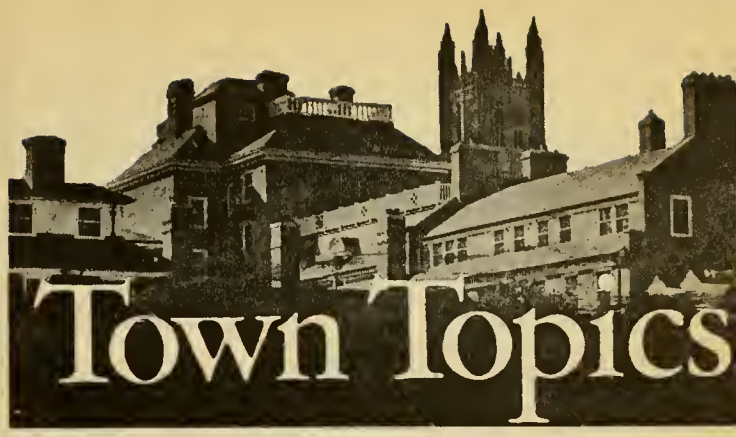

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John Fairfield Sly, professor of politics at Princeton University and director of The Princeton Surveys, a unique and permanent part of the University that is designed to bring the best results of academic research into the life of every-day government. Described by those who work with him as one of the nation's keenest authorities on the knotty issues confronting state and municipal government, the 53-year old Sly, in his eleventh year of supervising the University's service agency, devotes staggeringly long days to helping inject simplicity, clarity and force into New Jersey government.

When summoned to Princeton in 1935 to teach and to assume direction of The Surveys, Sly, Iowa-educated son of an investment counsel and an engineer "top sergeant" in World War I, already had behind him years of experience in translating into actual practice the theories of political science. Besides teaching at Harvard, West Virginia University, the University of California at Los Angeles, Boston University, and other institutions, he had served as State Budget Officer of West Virginia and as director of research and bill-drafting for the West Virginia Legislature's Interim Joint Legislative Committee.

The Surveys under Sly's leadership have constantly extended the range of their activities by making their data available in practical form, particularly in the field of public finance, to state leaders, state commissions, and civic and functional associations interested in the public welfare. The appointive positions Sly has held in New Jersey are indicative of his contributions to the cause of better government: Governor's State Budget Advisory Commission, Committee of Railroad Taxation, Commission on the Revision of the State Constitution; Commission on Taxation of Intangible Personal Property. He now chairmans the potent Commission on State Tax Policy and makes time to head the Y.M.C.A. Youth and Government Program in New Jersey.

For promoting the understanding that is vital at all levels of government if divergent-interest groups, such as labor and capital, farmers and manufacturers, are ever to find a common ground for the solution of their governmental problems; for making it possible for others in the New Jersey political arena to tailor legislation to hard facts; for his heartfelt interest in facilitating the adjustment of returned veterans to civilian life; he is TOWN TOPICS' candidate for

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The Post-War Era. Surest sign that the war ended some months ago was that Princetonians had returned full cry to the pursuit of various municipal and civic problems. In one section of the Township, landowners girded for a battle to save their homes from condemnation proceedings when the State moves in to create a park on the old Princeton battleground. Many another Township-per—and no lack of Borough residents—kept the iron hot on the subject of the joint planning board. Meanwhile, up & down Nassau Street, Militant Marketers became Marketers, Inc., stepped up the pace of their fight against runaway inflation.

Anticipating loss of land and in a majority of instances, their homes (for which they will either be paid what the State considers a fair price or face condemnation proceedings), several Princetonians kept feinting at what they call "invisible opposition." Their repeated comment: "We can't find out what the State Department of Conservation will do next."

Among those principally affected are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Birch, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis, Mrs. William F. Meredith, Charles Weigel and Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell Smith (the latter owners of the old Hale farm where General Hugh Mercer died). They advocate a park on the site, but one which will cover a smaller area, leave them their property intact.

The spotlight in the Summer-long argument over the value of a joint planning board this week swung to the League of Women Voters. Charged in The Packet last week with having "acted without authority" and with being "in

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Sports in Short

"From the Moment of Omission." In the fifth inning of the Penn-Princeton baseball game on May 22, Shortstop Tom Upton of the Quakers homered to deep right center. Fleet Joey Della Monica, visiting second baseman, had just drawn a walk and crossed the plate in front of him. To all present, Penn seemed to have tallied two runs.

But Bud Oviatt, alert Tiger first baseman, called for the ball, stepped on second and Base Umpire Meehan waved his thumb upward to signify the third and final out. Upton had skipped the keystone sack on his way 'round.

At this juncture, Plate Umpire Mickey Ryan brought down an argument on his head that had baseball fans here talking heatedly for days. What seems to be the last word has finally been spoken —by the veteran Bill Klem, chief of staff of National League umpires, to whom Asa Bushnell submitted the case for a ruling.

Ryan called to the press box, "No runs for Penn." When we went down to the field to ask why, he asserted that Upton's failure to touch second cancelled not only his but Della Monica's run as well, because Upton was out from the moment he had passed second without touching it.

It is doubtful if any of the hundreds of spectators in the stands agreed with Ryan. Later, those who looked could find nothing in the rule book to substiantiate his decision that Della Monica, who had circled the bases properly ahead of Upton, should be out.

But Bill Klem wrote Bushnell, quoting section 13 of rule 49:

"If, when advancing bases, or obliged to return to a base, while the ball is in play, he fails to touch the intervening base or bases, if any, in the regular or reverse order, as the case may be, he may be put out by the ball being held by a fielder on any base he failed to touch." Klem added: "The effect of such violation as per section 13 exists from the moment of omission and National League umpires are so instructed. You will note, therefore, that the umpire was entirely correct in his ruling."

Apparently, Ryan was right.

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disrepute" because of its participation in the community-wide debate, the League's executive board has come up with a statement to end the confusion.

The board favors the ordinance (because it feels better housing, parks, playgrounds and traffic facilities would result), but is *not* circulating a petition in favor of it. The Board *is* empowered by League by-laws to conduct the affairs of the organization, thus refuting charges of unauthorized action.

Finally, it did not "quickly change its name," as was reported, so that it might be better equipped to partake in the discussion over the measure, but rather effected this routine shift (from The Princeton League of Women Voters to the League of Women Voters of the Princeton Community) at its annual business meeting last Spring. If target practice is in vogue, the League won't have to hunt for sharpshooters.

Marketers, Inc. Discovering that "Militant" is an unfortunate adjective in time of peace, fostering misunderstanding rather than cooperation, the Militant Marketers are becoming Marketers, Inc., a full-fledged New Jersey corporation, and are muffling previously sounded threats of an "organized buyers' strike."

The primary reason for deleting "Militant" from the organization's title lies in the fact that the Marketers, after lengthy sessions with both Princeton

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Calendar of the Week

Sunday, July 21st

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.: Mass, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.

9:30 a.m.: Episcopal Service, Marquand Transept, Princeton University Chapel.

10:00 a.m.: Princeton United Meeting, Society of Friends, School of Public and International Affairs Building, University Campus.

11:00 a.m.:Sermon, the Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Kinsolving, Trinity Episcopal Church.
Union Service, the First and Second Presbyterian Churches and the Princeton University Chapel; Sermon: "The Sharp Edges of Life," the Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Mutch, of the Presbyterian Church, Morristown, N. J.; First Presbyterian Church.
Sermon, the Rev. Lynn H. Corson, Methodist Church.
"Life," Lesson-Sermon, First Church of Christ, Scientist.

8:15 p.m.: Evening Service, First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Monday, July 22nd

6:15 p.m.: Baseball Twin-M League: Princeton vs. Monmouth Junction, Brokaw Field, University Campus.

8:30 p.m.: Outdoor Movies, featuring cartoons and sports films, part of Princeton Playgrounds' Program; High School Athletic Field.

Wednesday, July 24th

6:00 p.m.: Princeton Community Y.M.C.A. Senior Softball League: Opinion Research vs. Gobs; College Board vs. Phantom's; R.C.A. vs. American Legion; Walker-Gordon vs. Heyden Chemical; Jugtown Community Club vs. Cenerino's.

8:15 p.m.: Mid-Week Service, First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Thursday, July 25th

12:00 m.: Tennis, Opening of Princeton Junior Boys and Girls Singles Championships, High School Tennis Courts.

9:00-11:00 p.m.: Block Dance, part of the Princeton Playgrounds' Adult Evening Recreation Program, music provided by Princeton Music Shop; High School Athletic Field.

Friday, July 26th

7:00 a.m.: Episcopal Service, Princeton University Chapel.

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News of the Theatres

The Playhouse

O. S. S. (Friday Saturday) features Geraldine Fitzgerald and Alan Ladd in a melodramatic story based on the records of the Office of Strategic Services. The pace is fast from the moment they parachute into occupied France to help the underground sabotage the domineering Nazis.

Anna and the King of Siam (Sunday through Wednesday) faithfully reproduces 1944's best seller, the dramatic story of a young American widow who is swept into the midst of mediaeval customs and intrigue when she comes as tutor in the royal court of Siam. Lavish settings and the tense, well-told story vie for attention. Britain's Rex Harrison, Irene Dunne and Linda Darnell head the cast.

Our Hearts Were Growing Up (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) will be of interest here because a Princeton house-party in the frivolous 'twenties is a sizable chapter in the plot. Gail Russell and Diana Lynn are cast as young girls who matured during the superficial, flask-packing prohibition era. The steady satire on the era provides the entertainment.

The Garden

Somewhere in the Night (Friday, Saturday) is an interesting story of a Marine who loses his memory just as he returns to civilian life. There are few slow moments as he gropes for his past. John Hodiak and a newcomer, Nancy Guild, are the principals.

Lover Come Back (All Week) features George Brent, red-headed Lucille Ball and Dancer Vera Zorina in a rather thin piece of light entertainment. The musical interludes are the best bets.

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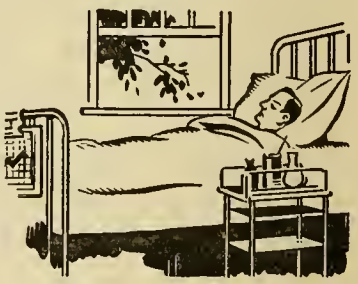

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merchants and housewives, found that local retailers are eager to cooperate 100 per cent in holding rising prices in check.

The only militant note in the Marketers' revised anti-inflation program can be found in this recent statement of their executive committee: "It will be the policy of Marketers, Inc., immediately upon the discovery of any tendency toward runaway prices, to call for a mass meeting of all members of the community, at which time some policy of direct remedial action may be adopted."

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British Notes. For meritorious services to Great Britain and the Allies during the war, some 1,277 Americans were singled out this week by George VI of England. Among recipients of the King's Medal for Service in the Cause of Freedom were two residents of Princeton: Mrs. Gordon Hall of Snowden Lane and Professor Thomas J. Wertenbaker of Prospect Avenue.

In Washington, meanwhile, Representative Frank A. Mathews, who comes up for reelection this Fall, did himself no good in the minds of hundreds of internationally-minded Princetonians. On the question of the British loan, which has been ranked in importance with Lend Lease, the Selective Service Act and ratification of the United Nations Charter, Mr. Mathews voted "no."

Miscellany. Nearly 5,000 persons saw and enjoyed immensely the Public Flyers' air show at Nassau Airpark Sunday . . . holders of the lucky tickets, who won roundtrip flights to New York City, included Russell Hampton, Duncan Stewart, Boyd Williams, George Lakatos, Mr. and Mrs. George Spilator . . . facilities at the airpark are rapidly being expanded and visitors are welcome.

Shopping note: the DDT solution advertised on the back page of this issue of TOWN TOPICS is all it is claimed to be and more . . . merely spraying one's screens with the insecticide will rid the house of all flies and mosquitos . . . it's among the first of many promised postwar bonanzas.

The dog catcher begins work Monday, and all canines found out alone will be picked up . . . owners who miss their dogs should call police headquarters (the number is 40) and give their pet's license number and description . . . the notice from Borough Hall adds, "all offenders will be summoned to court by the police." It looks like tough sledding for the quadrupeds, the bluecoats and Recorder Paul Chesebro.

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SPORTS IN SHORT

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Wearers of the "P". Six Princetonians were among the 26 residents of New Jersey who earned University athletic insignia this spring in baseball, lacrosse, tennis and track. Rudy Clemen, righthanded pitcher, whose 1-0, no-hit triumph over Cornell was one of the highlights of an otherwise drabb-o baseball season, headed the list of local award-winners, earning his second "P" on the diamond. A track major letter went to Herbert W. Hobler, javelin thrower, while Samuel L. Tattersall Jr. was honored as varsity tennis manager. Junior varsity numerals were conferred upon Stephen M. Conger and R. Warner Wood Jr. in lacrosse and William E. Schluter in baseball.

No Hits, No Runs. Henry ("Dutch") Rohner, right-handed mainstay of Princeton University's championship baseball team of a year ago and absent from the campus during the disastrous 1946 campaign for academic reasons, marked his return to the University's Summer Session the other evening by hurling a perfect 1-0, seven-inning game against the Witherspoon Recreation Club.

Pitching for the Kingston A. C., the 20-year old Philadelphian struck out eight batsmen, walked two and gave the opposition the slim satisfaction of hitting exactly two balls to the outfield. Rohner's battery-mate was Bill Schluter, the Tigers' jayvee catcher this spring and a Princeton resident.

Athletic Reconversion. Old Nassau, in addition to celebrating its Bicentennial in 1946-47, will return to the athletic wars in a big way with a full-fledged program of intercollegiate competition, and next fall no less than four different Princeton football squads will swing into action. While the Caldwell-coached varsity is playing eight games, the jayvees (scrubs) will meet six opponents and the 150-pound varsity and freshmen four apiece . . . Sports authorities, in and around New York and Philadelphia, now predict that the relatively new Ivy Group, formed last fall to avoid "excesses" in intercollegiate football, will follow the example of the "Big Ten" and become an Ivy Conference within three years. Time-lag, so they say, attributable to current practice of drafting football schedules two years in advance.

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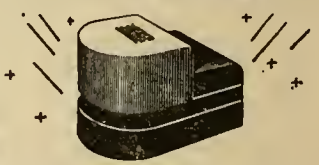

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